

City of John Creek

Stormwater Utility Program

Stormwater runoff and its effects are a growing concern for the city. Maintaining and improving the stormwater system is important to protecting the quality of life in Johns Creek.

Addressing Stormwater

- Currently, the city is responsible for stormwater structures and conveyances that are located in the right-of-way.
- In 2019, the city initiated a complete system assessment of its current 32,000 total stormwater assets.
- June 2020, City Council moved to expand City stormwater services to include headwall to headwall. This does not include service for ditches, streams, swales, or detention/retention ponds.
- Property owners are required to maintain the stormwater drainage systems on their property.

Program Exploration

The stormwater utility is seen as a critical component of an effective stormwater maintenance and operations funding mechanism.

Stormwater Utility Fees

The City of Johns Creek began analyzing a potential stormwater utility fee for all property owners. This fee would be used to operate and fund a stormwater management program.

The Stormwater Utility fee is applied equitably to all property owners (including tax exempt properties) and fees are based on the amount of runoff area (impervious surface + pervious area) on a property.

System Repair and Maintenance

A dedicated Stormwater Utility will oversee the maintenance and improvement of the existing and future stormwater system, helping to prevent flooding and property damage.

Stormwater Utility Rates

Many municipalities in the metro Atlanta area have enacted stormwater utility programs to address aging infrastructure and potential future stormwater damage and repair costs. The following table provides examples of several stormwater utilities in metro Atlanta and their fees.

Local Utility Rates

Jurisdictions	Monthly Rate
DeKalb County	\$4.00
Dunwoody	\$6.39
Duluth	\$5.17
Lawrenceville	\$5.00
Roswell	\$4.15